

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A traveling wave tube circuit assembly comprising a
2 traveling wave tube:
3 a predistortion network RF coupled to the traveling wave tube
4 and disposed in the traveling wave tube;
5 an amplifier;
6 a connecting cable coupling the amplifier to the predistortion
7 network.
- 1 2. An assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said amplifier
2 is disposed in a low temperature zone.
- 1 3. An assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said
2 predistortion network is disposed in a high temperature zone.
- 1 4. An assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said
2 predistortion network comprises a limiter.
- 1 5. An assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said
2 predistortion network has a range between 11 to -3dBm.
- 1 6. An assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said
2 predistortion network comprises:
3 a first limiter;
4 a first attenuator coupled in series with said first limiter; and
5 a phase shifter coupled in series with said first attenuator.
- 1 7. An assembly as recited in claim 6, wherein said
2 predistortion network further comprises a second attenuator coupled in said
3 series with said phase shifter.

1 8. An assembly as recited in claim 6, wherein said
2 predistortion network further comprises a transmission line coupled parallel to
3 said limiter, said first attenuator and said phase shifter.

1 9. An assembly as recited in claim 8, wherein said
2 transmission line has a third attenuator.

1 10. An assembly as recited in claim 9, wherein said
2 predistortion network further comprises a second limiter coupled in series with
3 said third attenuator.

1 11. An assembly as recited in claim 1, further comprising a
2 second amplifier coupled in series with said first amplifier.

1 12. A traveling wave tube circuit assembly comprising:
2 a high temperature zone having a predistortion network; and
3 a traveling wave tube coupled in series with the predistortion
4 network;
5 a low temperature zone having an RF amplifier; and
6 an RF connecting cable coupling said low temperature zone and
7 said high temperature zone.

1 13. An assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein said
2 predistortion network comprises:
3 a first limiter;
4 a first attenuator coupled in series with said first limiter; and
5 a phase shifter coupled in series with said first attenuator.

1 14. An assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein said
2 predistortion network further comprises a second attenuator coupled in said
3 series with said phase shifter.

1 15. An assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein said
2 predistortion network further comprises a transmission line coupled parallel to
3 said limiter, said first attenuator and said phase shifter.

1 16. An assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein said
2 transmission line has a third attenuator.

1 17. An assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein said
2 predistortion network further comprises a second limiter coupled in series with
3 said third attenuator.

1 18. An assembly as recited in claim 12 further comprising a
2 second RF amplifier coupled in series with said first RF amplifier.

1 19. A satellite comprising:
2 a high temperature zone having a predistortion network; and
3 a traveling wave tube coupled in series with the predistortion
4 network;
5 a low temperature zone having an RF amplifier; and
6 an RF connecting cable coupling said low temperature zone and
7 said high temperature zone.